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1. A train which was unloaded at the Perleberg railroad station at about 12 p.m. on 11 October 1953 included about 10 to 12 flatcars with about 10 to 12 T-34/85 tanks, about 20 flatcars with about 20 to 22 trucks, 2 radio trucks [redacted] and 2 field kitchens and about 4 or 5 boxcars with enlisted men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and billeting equipment. From 12 p.m. until night, three or four trucks shuttled boxes from this train to the Spiegelhagen ammunition depot, while other trucks took billeting equipment to the Artillerie Kaserne. Motor vehicles observed travelling from the railroad station to the Artillerie Kaserne at about 2 p.m. included 8 trucks with enlisted men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and billeting equipment, 4 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns, 2 trucks towing field kitchens, 2 radio trucks [redacted] and 1 jeep. At about 10 p.m., about 15 T-34/85 tanks, 2 T-34 tanks and 1 turretless T-34 tank travelled from the direction of the railroad station toward the Artillerie Kaserne. [redacted] In the late afternoon and during the night on 11 October, about 35 tanks, travelled from the direction of the railroad station toward the Artillerie Kaserne, one of source's friends said. At about 6 p.m. on 13 October, billeting equipment was unloaded from four boxcars at the Perleberg railroad station and was trucked to the Artillerie Kaserne.
2. On 21 October, the Artillerie Kaserne in Perleberg was occupied to capacity. About 95 percent of the billets were lighted at night. From 14 to 21 October, 30 men wearing red-bordered epaulets with artillery insignia almost daily were digging trenches and doing other excavation work in the training area south of Perleberg. They usually returned to the Artillerie Kaserne between 6 and 6:30 p.m.
3. On 21 October, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne was again occupied by numerous soldiers. There was intensive activity at the barracks area.

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4. From 11 to 21 October, the officers' mess on Quitzow Strasse was lighted. [redacted] the mess was again used by numerous officers.
5. From 11 to 21 October, there was heavy motor traffic in the post area. Numerous vehicles shipped supply.
6. Starting on 12 October, the troops at Perleberg were permitted to go out, enter restaurants and have alcoholic drinks. On 21 October, curfew was re-introduced for enlisted men, allegedly because ~~major~~ excesses including rapes and house breaking had occurred.

1. Field Comment. [redacted] the return from the Wittstock training camp of the 58th Mecz Regt of the 18th Mecz Div

[redacted] The numbers of tanks [redacted] were exaggerated. The tank battalion of the mechanized regiment has only about 30 T-34/85 tanks. The two installations in Perleberg were probably occupied to capacity on 21 October. Other units observed entering the air base included the 1054th How Artz Regt, the 592d Mort Regt (US), the 2511th AAA Regt (US) and the 32d RL Bn (US) of the division. [redacted]

[redacted] The division headquarters, the 120th Mtrcl Bn, the 348th Engt Bn and the 921st Sig Bn (US) of the division had also been stationed at the Perleberg air base prior to the beginning of summer training. There is reason for believing that the units, including the division headquarters and the 921st Sig Bn (US) not seen as yet returned to their previous billets.